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Concerning your house [REDACTED] please describe fully the steps you followed in carrying out the construction. Include answers to the following questions:

a) How much time elapsed between your decision to build and the issuance of your permit? How many offices processed your application? Which office was the hardest to gain approval from? Which office made the final decision? What criteria were used by officials as a basis for determining whether you were granted a permit?

b) Were you permitted to select your own site? If so, how many sites did you have to choose from? Describe them, and explain why you chose the site on which you built. If you were allocated a specific lot, and no other, explain why.

c) What choice of designs were you offered? Which office provided your blueprints? How much did they cost? Was there any delay in receiving your blueprints?

d) Through which office did you order your materials? Were they delivered to your site, or did you pick them up at a warehouse or yard? Did you get your materials as needed, or all in one delivery? Did you ever have to stop building because you couldn't get materials? If so, give details.

e) How did you spend your 10,000 ruble loan for materials? Did you have a choice, or did the loan cover specific quantities of the various materials? Please list all the materials you used, and the quantity and price of each.

f) Please describe your house, noting:

- 1) dimensions (length; width; height of roof; height of ceiling)
- 2) number and size of rooms
- 3) foundation
- 4) space between ground and house
- 5) thickness of walls, and materials used in their construction
- 6) type of roof, and materials used in its construction
- 7) insulation
- 8) heating and other facilities

g) Please describe how you built your house, noting:

- 1) period from start of construction until you moved in; was the house then completed, or did you have further work to finish?
- 2) The kinds and extent of help you received from your enterprise and local officials (technical guidance, transport of materials, loan of tools or equipment); did you have to pay for this help?

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- 3) help received from friends, or private individuals (did they participate in construction? if so, how many and what share of the work did they perform? did you pay for this help; if so, at what rate (per hour or day; for a particular job)?
- 4) the amount of time you yourself spent in building your house (total hours, if that can be estimated).
- 5) the best days and times for working (weekends, evenings, season); were you ever excused from your job to work on your house?
- h) What problems did you encounter while building your house? (materials supply; technical difficulties; weather; lack of tools; lack of time; unavailability of help).
- i) Describe the facilities (streets, sewerage, water supply, electric power) existing at the site before you began construction, and when you moved into your house. What facilities were added since you moved in?
- j) Please give your judgment, based on conversations with others who built their homes, as to whether your experiences were typical. If different, explain how. Make a special effort to compare your experiences as related to the foregoing questions a, c, f, g, and h.
- k) How do you rate the quality of your house? Compare it with other private houses and with apartments.
- l) If you were in the same situation today as you were in early 1955, would you decide to build your own house or to rent an apartment? Why?

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